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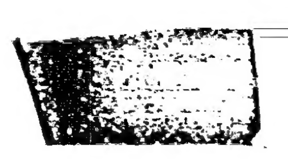
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B6 in effect at the present time. [redacted] appears to feel that he has some real evidence of the existence of unidentified flying objects in his photography and I am sure he would consider delivering them to somebody only for a price, yet unspecified. By copy of this

B3 memorandum to [redacted] I would bring him up to date on this subject in case you would like to take it up unilaterally with him.

B6 B3 4. For background information it is also reported to you that our original contact with [redacted] was set up through [redacted] and therefore there is some information on him already available in their files. You are also undoubtedly aware that the House committee investigating outer space and space phenomena has recently been addressing itself to the problem of the unidentified flying objects and has been seeking to review the evidence for certain House representatives to determine what validity this concept might have. According to the best information I have at the present moment, after several hearings on this subject this committee has suspended its investigation for several months after which time it intends to reopen them.

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